(ii) To assess and evaluate steps taken by C-DOT for developing a MAX of traffic handling capacity and lines capacity as decided by the DOT.

(iii) To assess and evaluate steps taken by C-DOT for development of Digital Trunk Exchanges including Computerised Manual, Trunk Exchanges as decided by the Telecom Commission in 1989.

(iv) To assess and evaluate the role and performance of external agencies in India and abroad to whom C-DOT has entrusted certain crucial and strategic jobs like the development and improvement of software and software tools.

(v) To assess and evaluate the technological adequacy of the designs employed in the C-DOT prototypes in relation to the state of the art of the present technology.

(vi) To assess and evaluate the work on development of C-DOT's two by-products, i.e. *EPABX* and *RAX* and to suggest measures for improving the performance of companies making these product which are reportedly operating at very low capacities.

(vii) To assess and evaluate the purchase and import procedures of C-DOT and the actual purchases and imports undertaken consequently.

(viii) To assess the reported brain drain from C-DOT and to suggest measures including possible incentives for retaining the existing researchers.

(ix) To suggest a strategy for speeding up indigenous development of MAX and other public switching systems for Data, Facsimile and Video transmission.

(x) To suggest a plan for meeting the demand for such exchanges which will thereby fulfil the growing demands for telephone connections and telematic services from the public

(xi) To suggest a technology-based plan for redeploying several thousands of employees of Indian Telephone Industries at Rai Bareilly and Bangalore Units who are fast becoming redundant as result of the phasing out of the production of electro-mechanical exchanges and in the light of delays in the availability of C-DOT MAX for 3 commercial production.

3. The Committee may seek the help of any other personnel or agencies in the discharge of its assignment. The report of the Committee is to be submitted by the 28th February, 1990.

4. The non-official members of the Committee would be entitled to travelling allowances as per Ministry of Finance O. M. No. F. 6 (26) -E. IV /59 dated 5-9-1960, as amended from time to time and other facilities necessary for carrying out the assignment.

LPTs proposed to be set up in Andhra Pradesh

266. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the places where LPTs are proposed to be set up in Andhra Pradesh in the year 1990-91;

(b) by when the new transmission tower in Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh is likely to be commissioned; and

(c) whether Anantpur will also have studio facilities with independent programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Doordarshan's Annual Plan for the year 1990-91 includes, *inter alia*, establishment of 25 new low power and very low power TV transmitters in the country. Their location dependent upon *inter-se* priority, have not yet been finalised.

(b) The establishment of the high power (10KW) TV transmitter at Anantapur is scheduled to be completed during 1990-91. However, arrangements have been made to operate the transmitter at reduced power of 1KW by the end of the current financial year itself.

(c) No, Sir.